



To Local Housing Authorities

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The Department is connecting Public Housing Authorities with information on public assistance resources providing relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although PHAs are not eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program through the U.S. Small Business Administration, as municipal corporations, PHAs are eligible to apply directly for FEMA public assistance.

On March 28, 2020 President Trump approved a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Connecticut, Connecticut Covid-19 Pandemic (DR-4500). Through FEMA, federal funding is available to state, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency protective measures under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance grant program. The Incident Period has been set as January 20, 2020 and continuing. This means expenses incurred from this date forward may be eligible.

The Department previously shared the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures Fact Sheet](#) from FEMA with information on the Public Assistance Program. FEMA has released an additional Fact Sheet regarding a [simplified Public Assistance Application](#). Applicants may directly apply for assistance through FEMA's [PA Grants Portal](#).

For other helpful information, we encourage you to reach out to your local Emergency Management officials. Additionally, the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security has released [FEMA COVID-19 Specific Guidance](#) including an applicant's guide to submitting public assistance documents.